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PRAVDA today carries article signed V. Borovski entitled "armed intervention against Guatemala" which alleges US responsible for Guatemalan uprising and attempts to support allegation with following "evidence":

(1) Even before receipt of statement by Guatemalan Government, AP report said one person in New York who has close ties with central American circles advised that he had received word by telephone from Honduras that Guatemala had been invaded in region Puerto Barrios;

(2) Participation in invasion of "former American Air Force officers, Colonel Stodder and Major Shop, latter having been "Deputy Chief of Air Mission of USA in Guatemala";

(3) Senator Hickenlooper statement that other measures should be decisively carried out and Secretary Dulles June 15 statement demanding that Guatemala be "put in order".

Article says "there is no doubt that intervention in Guatemala was unleashed by ruling circles of US. Its goal is to overthrow government legally elected by Guatemalan people which is pursuing independent policy and refusing to submit to American dictation" and then adds that this threat to Latin American country comes after Secretary's assurance at Berlin that US takes seriously obligation placed on it under UN Charter to "refrain from threat or employment of force against territorial integrity or political indepenoence of any state.

Article continues: "It is impossible to admit as accidental that armed conflict is unleashed in Guatemala at very time when circumstances are favorable for peaceful solution in Asia and consequently for general easing international tension.

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Apparently aggressive forces in USA are trying in every possible way again to exacerbate international situation, to which rise of war center in Latin American area will inevitably lead. Red Star article signed observer and New York Tass despatchs carried other papers follow same general line.

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